

REMARKS

This reply is fully responsive to the Office Action dated 07/31/2007, and is filed within six - (6) months following the mailing date of the Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the 5 time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The method of payment and fees for petition fee due in connection therewith is enclosed.

Disclosure/Claims Status Summary:

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Claims 1-82 were allowed. Claims 83-123 are pending in the application.

A. Claims 83-123 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention was directed to non-statutory subject matter.

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Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

A. Turning now to the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 83-123 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

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In light of the discussion held between the Applicants' representative and the Examiner on September 19, 2007, the subject matter of that discussion being summarized in the Interview Summary above, Claims 83-123 are believed to be fully compliant with the statutory requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. As discussed and agreed to by the Examiner, because the means of Claims 83-123 are encoded on a computer readable medium for causing a series of operations on a computer and are not "carrier waves" as suggested by 25 the Examiner, the claims as originally presented should be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-82. The Applicants agree with the Examiners' Reasons for Allowance and also assert that other

reasons for allowance exist, in addition to those stated by the Examiner. Further, as agreed to by the Examiner during the telephone interview, the remaining Claims 83-123 are also in allowable form. Once again, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submits that in light of the contents of the Interview Summary and the above remarks, all claims are in allowable condition. The Applicants thus respectfully requests timely allowance of all of the pending claims.

- 10 Any claim amendments that are not specifically discussed in the above remarks are not made for patentability purposes, and it is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. Rather, these amendments have only been made to increase claim readability, to improve grammar, and to reduce the time and effort required of those skilled in the art to clearly understand the scope of the claim language. Furthermore, any new claims presented above are of course intended to avoid the prior art, but are not intended as replacements or substitutes of any cancelled claims. They are simply additional specific statements of inventive concepts described in the application as originally filed.
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- 20 Further, it should be noted that amendment(s) to any claim is intended to comply with the requirements of the Office Action in order to elicit an early allowance, and is not intended to prejudice Applicants' rights or in any way to create an estoppel preventing Applicants from arguing allowability of the originally filed claim in further off-spring applications.
- 25 In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicants or Applicants' representative would be beneficial, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to the attached credit card form. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition
5 to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-2738 if a credit card form has not been included with this correspondence, or if the credit card could not be charged.

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Respectfully submitted,



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